

DRAFT/FINAL FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Subject: Water Well Decommissioning Fund	Telephone: (402) 471-3930

Type of Fiscal Impact:

	State Agency	Political Sub.	Regulated Public
No Fiscal Impact	(X)	()	()
Increased Costs	()	()	()
Decreased Costs	()	()	()
Increased Revenue	()	()	()
Decreased Revenue	()	()	()
Indeterminable	()	(X)	(X)

Provide an Estimated Cost & Description of Impact:

State Agency: No impact

Political

Subdivision: Since some NRDs will have to increase the cap they have previously placed on assistance (from \$300 to \$500 per well), they may decide to allocate more dollars to their own programs so that the number of wells decommissioned would not decrease. However, that is strictly their option; it is not required. Also, using a 3 year average instead of a one year history to allocate available funds among NRDs will have some impact on the amount of each individual NRD allocations from year to year, but that impact cannot be determined in advance.

Regulated

Public: Some well owners who receive assistance from the NRD programs will get more dollars because of the increase in the permissible cap. That could mean that other owners do not get assistance because the available funds won't go quite as far. Whether that happens will depend on how many participating well owners who would have previously received only \$300 will now get up to \$500 and whether NRDs modify their own programs to overcome that potential impact.

If indeterminable, explain why: